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## **Governor Musgrove Signs Economic Development Bill**

Tupelo, MS – In a ceremony at the Lee County Courthouse, Governor Ronnie Musgrove signed House Bill 1639. The legislation provides a means for counties to develop alliances when pursuing economic development projects.

"This bill puts the counties one step ahead of the game when it comes to bringing jobs to their areas," Musgrove said. "It encourages them to work together to improve the quality of life for their people."

House Bill 1639 was supported by economic development entities around the state.

"Companies around the nation and the world are looking at us and saying, 'Why not Mississippi?" said Musgrove. "This bill strengthens our ability to compete with anyone, anytime, anywhere."